

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1382

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 114

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which
was referred S.C.R. No. 114 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING FOOD SERVICE
FACILITIES IN THE STATE THAT OFFER A CHILDREN'S MENU OF MEAL
OPTIONS, OR A MEAL THAT IS REPRESENTED AS A CHILDREN'S MEAL,
TO SERVE CHILDREN'S MEALS WITH HIGHER NUTRITIONAL QUALITY AND
INCLUDE ONLY BOTTLED WATER OR LOW-FAT MILK AS THE DEFAULT
BEVERAGE IN THE MEAL OR MENU OPTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to encourage food
service facilities in the State that offer a children's menu with
various meal options, or a meal that is represented as a
children's meal, to serve children's meals with higher nutritional
quality and include only bottled water or low-fat milk as the
default beverage in the meal or menu option.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Health, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Hawai'i
Public Health Institute, and American Heart Association.

Your Committee finds that, on average, children consume
almost twice as many calories from a restaurant meal as they do
from a meal cooked at home. Adding sugar sweetened beverages to
these meals adds calories and sugar that may contribute to obesity
and health problems. Your Committee further finds that a 2011
report from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
recommends increasing access to quality and affordable healthy
foods and beverages as a way to improve the food environment for

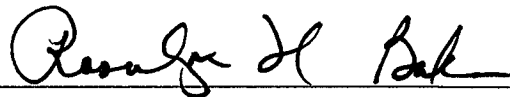
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children. This measure encourages food service facilities in the State to serve children's meals with higher nutritional quality and include only bottled water or low-fat milk as the default beverage option. Ensuring healthy options are the default option in children's meals can be part of the overall strategy to reduce the consumption of added sugar at meals, which may help reduce the prevalence of obesity in Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 114 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Commerce and
Consumer Protection,



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



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